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MEMORANDUM

To: []
Subject: Nikoli Poppe

1. In connection with your inquiry in the handling of the case of Nikoli Poppe, you are informed that this Project was brought to the attention of the office of the General Counsel, CIA, in October 1948. The advice of the General Counsel was sought as to the most effective manner to bring Mr. Poppe and his semi-invalid wife to this country. Mr. Houston outlined various possible ways and then said he would look into the matter. He did, indeed, pursue the matter, which apparently required some time and shortly before we moved away from South Building, he brought forms to Mr. Wisner and myself which had to be filled out by CIA as to the responsible sponsor.

2. I have had Mr. Poppe's file in my basket for many months. I have needed Mr. Houston's office every week. I have spoken with Mr. Hugo Carusi who is head of the Displaced Persons Commission and a friend of mine. I have offered to have the matter expedited through EUCOM Headquarters in Germany but was advised to refrain from doing so as it might jam the works. Meanwhile Poppe's wife has died, he is still at Camp King at Obersaul in the custody of G-2, EUCOM, but his morale is extremely low. My most recent check with Mr. Houston has produced nothing more than the statement that so far as is known the thing is following its normal course and everything possible is being done.

3. Had I been told that it would require such a long period, I would have recommended that OPC take the responsibility of bringing Poppe to this country on a Section 3 waiver or a visitor's visa with the cooperation of the Army, which was available, and he would have been here many months ago doing important work in connection with the Far East.

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